

Beatty Town Advisory Board
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Minutes
08/10/20

THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.

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Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice-Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

Lily Veech – Stated I will be a 2020 Census taker.

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 10, 2020

Staff pulled item 5 emergency items.

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; June 9, 2020; June 22, 2020, and July 6, 2020, and July 13, 2020, and July 27, 2020.

RR – Motioned to approve June 9, 2020, June 22, 2020, July 6, 2020, July 13, 2020, and July 27, 2020; Second PF; 4-0

5 Emergency Items

Pulled

6 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

EG – Stated I just want to let everybody know that there is still assistance available. An email came stating that for commercial tenants there is assistance. So if anybody has a business or a storefront that needs help with their rent we have that information available.

PF – Stated I was talking to Carrie the other day about that stop sign by the Exchange Club and I was talking to her about making right-hand turns from the inside northbound lane mandatory to turn to the right for semi's, doubles, and over length triples (trucks). The reason for that is increased visibility of the traffic coming southbound into the intersection and also to give a wider swing for the axels on the back trailers to keep them from knocking down that stop sign. Since then I did talk to Judge Sullivan there at the Beatty Justice Court and I asked him about that and he basically said there's no law to support that but he suggested that we contact NDOT to do a survey on that and then go from there. That's my number one comment. Number two comment, when they, Best in the Desert gets done with these races, I know they're going to come in there and blade the roads flat and stuff and make them usable by the general public, which I really appreciate and thank them for doing but I noticed the humps on the side of each road keeps getting higher and higher and while the road keeps getting lower and lower. It's to the point now... my pickup is four-wheel drive, I'm afraid to take a chance trying to get off that road, or look for a place to maybe U-turn. If two cars or trucks are coming in opposite directions, will they be able to pass each other on these narrowing roads? I know it's too late to do anything about it this year, but for next year I was wondering if they could re-blade the roads in such a way that they take the humps that they're making on each edge of the dirt road, blade it towards the center and make like a crown on it, like on a highway. That would elevate the humps give us the sensibility to go off-road at any given time and also make it safer for people to pass in opposite directions. I don't know how we would address that; I guess send a letter to BITD and ask them about that.

DG – Stated that would be another item, Perry.

RR- None; DG - None

- 7 Consent Agenda Items – These are items that Staff recommends for approval. The Board reserves the right to move any consent agenda item to the regular segment of the agenda should issues arise that need to be addressed.**

RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$1,410.07; Second PF; 4-0

8 Reports

- i. **Beatty Chamber** – Ann Marchand – Stated I just wanted to give a little report. The room tax for June was 53% of June 2019 but we think that July will be better as we start to see a few more tourists and the mines are starting their in-fill drilling again. All of our rooms are booked in town this Thursday, August 13th. They have assured BLM that they will wear masks in the businesses, social distance, etc. Travel Nevada, Nevada Commission on Tourism has suspended all grants for the first six months of the year; they will be opening it up in December because it is in their by-laws that they have to have grants. They aren't sure how much funding will be available because room rentals are down in Las Vegas and that is their biggest source of room tax income. As a matter of fact, some of the hotels, from what I understand are closing during the middle of the week in Las Vegas and only opening on the weekends, like the Venetian, the Palazzo, and so forth. Nevada Commission on Tourism will be restructuring their grant application system and gearing it towards destination development and recovery because of COVID. Lake Tahoe is having bigger crowds than they expected. They said that the businesses are having problems complying with the guidelines because there are so many tourists coming in. They have asked Reno to quit advertising Lake Tahoe so things will slow down. So, I guess we should be thankful for some things. Elko is also having problems with all of their campers; they are camping by the side of the road leaving trash, feces, etc. So, I guess we ought to be thankful that we're not having to deal with that. We have put in a half door between the Chamber office and the front foyer so that we can be in compliance with the six-foot social distancing. We have also acquired a thermometer, face masks, and sanitizer for the guests.
- ii. **Beatty Habitat Committee** - None
- iii. **Beatty Library** – None
- iv. **Beatty Medical Clinic** – None
- v. **Beatty Museum** – None
- vi. **Beatty Senior Center** – None
- vii. **Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance** – None
- viii. **Commissioner's** - None
- ix. **Desert Hills Cemetery** – None
- x. **Nye County Emergency Services** – None
- xi. **Nye County Sheriff's Department** – None
- xii. **Ordinances** – None
- xiii. **Other**
 - Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC)** – None
 - Beatty General Improvement District (BGID)** – None
 - Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD)** – None
 - Beatty Boy Scouts** – None
 - Beatty Health & Welfare** – None
 - Valley Electric Association**
 - Other Community or Civic Organizations** – DG – Stated the VFW canceled the Poker Run this year. The VFW has acquired from State surplus a transportation van, shuttle van; it's got a wheelchair lift and the whole nine yards. We just have to get the thing cleaned up, get some decals and such on it and we'll be able to move some of the guys around. When we get it all done we'll bring down here and have it outside the entrance door, it's going to be several months.
- xiv. **Secretary** – Carrie Radomski – Reviewed events; BGID is continuing to do movies in the park, don't forget to go check that out (Saturdays). BGID has a couple of positions open; the applications can be obtained at their office on Montgomery. They are accepting applications through 4 pm on Thursday, August 20th, for maintenance worker part-time. Commodities distribution will be taking place on Friday, August 14th at the Hill Top Church from 12 pm to 5 pm, still following CDC guidelines for distribution. Don't forget to complete your 2020 census, if you haven't done it already please do so. You can call 844-330-2020 or go to www.2020census.gov

- xv. **Treasurer** – EG – Stated we are at 8% of the year, everybody's budgets look good. So, keep it up.

9 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve up to \$300.00 for the purchase and installation of a dog waste station located at the Robert A. and Florence Revert Park aka Town Square. – Randy Reed

Randy Reed – Stated I put this on there, in the evening time I go down there and sit quite a bit and quite a few people from the motel bring their dogs over and they do their business and every one of them asks if we have a dog station and usually most the time everybody goes back over to the motel to grab a bag. So, I thought it would be a good idea to put a dog waste station there. We've got several quotes for a dispenser with a waste container attached to it with 400 bags, that one was \$247.27, there was another one for \$279.99 and the cheap one was the dispenser only without a post with 400 bags for \$72.80 and we have a post that could be donated and then it would be \$5.00 for the Redi-mix. Just for an FYI, a case of bags, approximately 3,000 bags, would cost \$120.00. So, I really like the one where it would be just the dispenser only because we can get the post for free. There are two areas that I thought would be okay to put it and that's right next to the walkway that goes around to where the bathrooms could be, on the left or right side of that because that's where almost everybody is walking their dogs.

DG – Asked for questions.

EG – Stated I don't have any questions but I do have some comments. I'm not in favor of putting this dog thing in the park. The dogs have the whole town and the whole park one block away that serves the same purpose. So, I don't feel that it's necessary number one, number two the Revert Park/Town Square is composed of cement walkways that we had colored at an extra cost and rock and I think it's a very unsanitary place whether people pick up the poop, it's going to stained, it's going to smell and it's going to be disgusting. I think the park is one block away that already takes care of that for dogs.

PF – Stated I respect your comments EG and I appreciate you saying that and it opened up my eyes to what you were saying, which I never gave a thought. Maybe, would you entertain an idea of putting a sign up there saying no pets so we alleviate that problem all together?

EG – Stated I think that's a much better idea, I mean I'd rather have a sign than have the concrete being peed and pooped on, but we can't... sure I'd entertain that. It's not our item right now but I think it can be done as a maintenance issue for the park.

RR – Stated okay that sounds like a good idea too. We could put up the no pets allowed sign.

PF – Stated I think Randy had a very good idea and appreciate it and thank him for his thoughts but I think EG brought up a very valuable thought that I overlooked and I appreciate EG saying that.

DG – Stated I don't have anything on this. Do you want to withdraw this item, Randy?

RR – Stated yeah, I'll pull it.

DG – Asked for public comment.

Karl Olson – Stated I think it's a great idea. Putting up a no pets sign is absurd. A dog does not normally poop on concrete, they go in the dirt. I think it's a great idea, Randy.

DG – Stated, the only thing I could possibly see is that you put it on... as you possibly would go inside the park but... also I don't see a problem with putting a no pets allowed on it... but Cottonwood Park has no pets allowed anyway in there.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated Cottonwood Park allows dogs and it has waste stations throughout it.

DG – Stated let's do some more thought on this thing, item 9a will be pulled.

b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter to the Bureau of Land Management Tonopah Field Office and Best in the Desert clarifying the slow speed and no passing designated areas in Beatty for the "Vegas to Reno" event on Friday, August 14, 2020. – Randy Reed

RR – Stated this was brought to our attention, we talked about it with the first letter we put in about slow speed zones and we had some people go out and check the area, and pick the areas that they found most critical for low speeds and no passing areas and they came up with this letter and I think it's a well-written letter, it states what we want. We should send it off.

DG – Replied okay, EG do you have anything?

EG – Stated I looked at the map and I see that Karl is there, I want to see if he has any comments. I want to make sure... the letter is good. I just want everybody to remember that...

PF – Stated I have nothing different than what I said on Board member comments.

9b General Business continued

EG – Stated I just want to make this comment I think we pointed everything out in the letter and that we need to remember the promise we made to help get the people with the speed zones. Also, just to refer back to a comment that, I'm not sure who made it in public comment, we can't put the onus of everything that's wrong out there with the high sides or the high middles or whatever on Best in the Desert. You know, maybe not all of that is their fault and they've committed to putting things back to better but we have to be fair to them too.

PF – Reiterated his comments from earlier.

EG – Stated we can't make all of it... if they didn't mess it up we can't make them fix it. If they want to that's great but this stuff that maybe wasn't their fault, I feel like we're... even though I want stuff to be fixed, I feel that we're saying; oh, this is what's wrong now, you guys fix it anyway even if you didn't do it. So, I want us to just be aware and be fair. They have promised to do it better than they did and we have said we're going to ask them (BLM) to hold the bond if they don't.

PF – Stated I appreciate that but this is not a onetime deal. This has been a slow gradual increase in humps.

DG – Asked for public comment; there was none.

RR – Motion that we send the letter the Bureau of Land Management Tonopah Field Office and Best in the Desert clarifying the slow speed and no passing designated areas in Beatty for the "Vegas to Reno" event on Friday, August 14, 2020; Second EG; 3-0 (PF lost connection)

10 General Public Comment

Karl Olson – Stated this year they did things completely different; I went out with the BLM to survey the whole course. I told them where our problem areas were. The other thing they are going to do this year, they are going to hold the bond until they fix it, not only is the BLM going to review it they are going to review it along with the members of the Town. I showed the BLM where they ran that race for years and never fixed a bloody thing. The banks are banked up, where they cut down the slope two-foot, and I showed this all to the BLM and hopefully, we're starting anew. This all happened in the past, we're going to move into the future and if we can get the folks from the BLM to cooperate, the Town to cooperate, the County Commissioners to cooperate, and most important of all the County Road man. In other places too they play an important part, I did a lot of research the last week, in Caliente, Pioche, and their cooperation over there makes the Best in the West (BITD) and other racers do what they are supposed to do and it's amicable. We can do this, they've been here, instead of being a victim, we can lead the movement.

DG - Asked, I know they were supposed to grade the road last... after the race last time and apparently they didn't or they told us they did but they didn't. Didn't they have a bond last year?

Mr. Olson – Stated yeah, but what happened last year... okay so, the race has two weeks, so they start grading right after the race, they have two weeks. Then they tell the BLM they graded it. What happened in the past is that the BLM didn't go out and do it and then in the next two weeks it was then accepted. This year that's why we're changing it, this year it's different, they don't get these two weeks and it's accepted anymore because.... You know how long I've been involved with this and one of the problems was the BLM never did what we're doing now in the Beatty area. So, we mapped it, we GPS'd it, I was with them, Dan drove me and as soon as they're finished and they come and say, we're going to go drive it again, the Railroad Grade, everything that's in contention. That was never done before, we did fifty miles and that was never done. I'll tell you the BLM did an excellent job. They (BITD) changed the bloody route and we wouldn't have known it if we didn't go drive it. I'll tell you Allie and Cassie and Jonah, they're different, it's a whole different world and I don't think we should go back to the past arguing about what happened.

DG – Stated I'm not, I just wanted to ... because I've been here long enough to do this, and to hear this, you know they grade it and the guys come in and say oh, yeah we graded it and all of that good stuff and it seems like a month later that we're hearing geez wiz they didn't do anything down there and so I was just trying to figure why... but I like the idea that they'll (BLM) hold up the bond. That's something that they probably should have done in the first place.

Mr. Olson – Stated it should have been done a long time ago but there's a big difference, you know there are different people participating in this now. That releasing the bond when nobody checked the roads; that was absurd. What Perry said, in all fairness to Perry, he's right, you can drive, you can go out there and look at all of the roads we used for the VFW run you can see that damage (race) all over the place and its time like I said to turn a new leaf, not to go back and argue what happened in the past.

DG – Stated okay, thank you.

11 Adjournment

RR - Motion to adjourn 6:46 pm; Second EG; 3-0

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